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TAGS: PINT, SOPN, UR, US

SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT  
ON U.S. POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. THE SOVIET PRESS HAS QUICKLY REPORTED AND ELABORATED  
UPON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT CONCERNING  
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE U.S., TAILORING ITS COMMENTS  
TO FIT THE CURRENT SOVIET CAMPAIGN SEEKING TO DEMON-  
STRATE THE DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE U.S. IZVESTIYA  
OF JULY 13 CARRIES A TASS STORY WHICH DECLARES, INTER  
ALIA, THAT YOUNG'S STATEMENT IS NOTEWORTHY BECAUSE IT  
"COMES FROM A CABINET MEMBER AND CONSTITUTES THEREFORE  
OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WIDESPREAD POLITICAL PERSE-  
CUTION IN THE UNITED STATES." PRAVDA AND RED STAR  
(THE LATTER ON THE FRONT PAGE) CARRY SIMILAR TASS  
ACCOUNTS ENTITLED "EMBARRASSMENT IN WASHINGTON." IN  
THIS DISPATCH TASS EDITORIALIZES THAT "IT IS  
SIGNIFICANT" THAT NONE OF YOUNG'S CRITICS HAVE REFUTED  
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HIS STATEMENTS SINCE "SUPPRESSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS  
OF AMERICANS AND POLITICAL REPRESSION IS A DAILY  
PHENOMENON IN CONTEMPORARY AMERICA." MATLOCK

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